

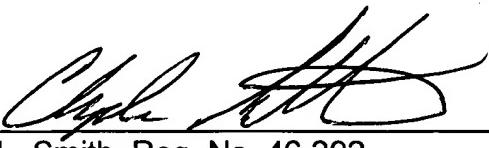
REMARKS

In the Office Action of January 23, 2004, Applicant was advised that Claim 25 would be allowed if amended as set forth in Applicant's response of December 10, 2003. However, the amendments set forth in Applicant's response of December 10, 2003, were not entered because the claim status indicators failed to comply with revised 37 CFR §1.121. As such, Applicant submitted a supplemental response on February 6, 2004, with corrected claim status indicators, thereby placing Claim 25 in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendments to place all pending claims in condition for allowance. By this amendment, all independent claims other than Claim 25 have been cancelled. Additionally, all remaining dependent claims have been amended to be dependent upon allowable Claim 25.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and notification of such is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by phone should any other issues require resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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